



BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK  
Volunteers In Parks  
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## **Biscayne National Park Outreach VIP:**

*What is Outreach? Outreach is almost everything the park does to promote awareness, identity and education outside of the park boundaries. We are primarily talking about staffing community events.*

**How many:** 2-4 volunteers per event

**Tasks required:**

- Set-up booth, tent, tables and displays as directed by Ranger
- Stock table with brochures and hand-outs
- Engage visitors in informal interpretation
- Increase public awareness of Biscayne National Park
- Increase public awareness of Biscayne's critical issues
- Promote park programs
- Engage children (and adults) in hands-on activities
- Tear down booth

**Runs:** Community events occur almost every weekend in South Florida. Peak season occurs November 2016 – April 2017.

**How often:** Our aim is to have a group (20 or so) of volunteers who can be called upon to staff events. With each volunteer working one event a month.

**Characteristics of a Good 'Outreacher':**

- Interested in engaging strangers in conversation
- Understands the importance of representing the National Park Service in a professional manner
- Punctual and dependable
- Interested in learning new skills and knowledge
- Ability to listen
- Follows directions, but can independently perform tasks once oriented
- Good with kids and families
- Able to lift up to 40lbs and stand for long hours
- Able to work outdoors for extended periods of time
- Takes responsibility for personal safety (hydrating, sun protection, eating!)

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**Opportunities:** This crew gets you free access to community events.

**Paperwork Needed:**

- Application [www.nps.gov/getinvolved/volunteer.htm](http://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/volunteer.htm)
- Agreement (with parent's signature if under 18)
- Job description (this page will suffice)
- JHA

**Training:** One park orientation and works one community event.

**Notes:** 14+, uniformed position (we will provide), no reimbursements available

